

TOWN OF HUDSON

PLANNING DEPARTMENT 1998 ANNUAL REPORT

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The Planning Department manages both current and long-range municipal planning, provides professional assistance to the Planning Board and other Town departments, and is a resource base for economic and community development. This report highlights the Planning Department's activities for the last year.

The Town Planner's office has been operational for eleven years now. I arrived in Hudson, New Hampshire on September 14, 1987. My position reports to the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen.

Zoning. In March 1998, there were changes to the zoning ordinance text, concerning definitions. There was a word change to the ordinance concerning outside parking of storage of commercial-use vehicles or trailers at residential sites. There was an amendment to add a sentence regarding the outdoor parking or storage of a recreational vehicle at a residence. New language was introduced concerning "unoccupied public utility structures". Replacement language addressed the location of accessory storage structures. New language addressed the provision for and maintenance of off-street parking spaces. There was an amendment concerning the review of applications for special exceptions.

There was a successful legal challenge to a March 10, 1998 Town ballot approved telecommunications ordinance and zoning ordinance section changes. The challenge was to the presentation of the questions on the ballot.

There was one zoning map change passed by voters on March 10, 1998. This change rezoned Assessor's Map 59, Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8-1, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 20-1, 20-2, 21, 21-1, 21-2, 21-3, 21-4, 21-5, 21-6, 21-7, 21-8, 22, 23, 24, 24-1, 25, 26, 26-1, 26-2, 26-3, 27, 27-1, 28, 29, and 29-1 from Business to TR (Town Residence).

<u>Land Use Regulations</u>. Several changes to the land use regulations took place between December 1997 and early September 1998.



Proposed Regulations need to be examined

... to make sure they fit